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SUBJ: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CORE GROUP MEETING JULY 13

REF: (A) STATE 173880 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 168875 (NOTAL);  
(C) USUN 2760; (D) SEOUL 4994; (E) USUN 2873;  
(F) STATE 168648 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: CORE GROUP MET AT WORKING-LEVEL JULY 13  
AT USUN UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP ROK. AT MEETING, U.S. INFORMED  
CORE GROUP OF ADDITIONAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING POLITICAL  
INITIATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS (REF A). CORE GROUP REFINED  
MELDED TEXT OF USUN, ROK DRAFTS FOR CONTINGENCY  
FRIENDLY ITEM AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM AT  
31ST UNGA (REFS (B), (C), (D)) AND AGREED ON THEIR SUBMISSION  
AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD  
BE IN TOUCH WITH CORE GROUP AS TO NEXT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

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2. DRAWING ON REF (A), U.S. INFORMED CORE GROUP OF ADDITIONAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING POLITICAL INITIATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS:

(A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CORE GROUP'S RECOMMENDATION, SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL PUBLICLY RESTATE LAST YEAR'S PROPOSALS TWO OR THREE WEEKS BEFORE COLOMBO NONALIGNED MEETING. AN ADDITIONAL ELEMENT IN STATEMENT MAY BE CALL FOR PRELIMINARY MEETING OF PARTIES CONCERNED DURING 31ST UNGA TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE.

(B) U.S. IS ALSO SENDING SPECIAL LETTERS TO SOME KEY MODERATE NAM COUNTRIES, FOLLOWING UPON GOV SCRANTON'S VISIT, ASKING THEM TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO PREVENT ONE-SIDED OUTCOME AT COLOMBO. ADDITIONALLY, FOLLOWING THE INITIATIVE, IN LINE WITH CONTINUED LOBBYING EFFORT WE SUGGESTED TO CORE GROUP JULY 8, U.S. WILL DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRES TO OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES TO REINFORCE IMPORTANCE USG PLACES ON ISSUE.

(C) U.S. HOPES THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF CORE GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLES AND JOIN IN THIS LOBBYING EFFORT ALONG LINES WE HAD SUGGESTED LAST WEEK.

3. AS TO PRECISE TIMING OF INITIATIVE, JAPAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT COULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVERAL HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE BEFORE INITIATIVE ACTUALLY TAKEN. ADDITIONALLY, JAPAN ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO DELIVERING PROPOSAL DIRECTLY TO NORTH KOREANS PERHAPS THROUGH A THIRD PARTY. JAPAN REITERATED ITS RECOMMENDATION OF JULY 8 THAT PROPOSAL BE EXTENDED IN NAME OF U.S. AND THAT PROPOSAL EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO SEE BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF KOREA IN U.N. (REF (E)). JAPAN THEN RAISED QUESTION OF PRIORITY FOR A FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IT SUGGESTED THAT LONG TIME-FRAME PROPOSED FOR POSSIBLE PRELIMINARY MEETING COULD MAKE IT HARDER FOR OUR SIDE TO OPT FOR PRIORITY.

4. FRG SAID IT TOOK RATHER PESSIMISTIC VIEW AS TO POSSIBLE AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION AND SHARED SOME OF JAPAN'S CONCERN OVER PRIORITY.  
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5. NETHERLANDS SAID IT VERY MUCH WELCOMED U.S. DECISION ADDITIONALLY, TMDE HAGUE LIKED THE U.S. APPROACH SEEKING RECONCILIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. THIS WAS A BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH. THE HAGUE SHARED U.S. PREFERENCE NOT TO START THE DEBATE. THE HAGUE AGREED TOO WITH U.S. RECOMMENDATION (REF (E)) THAT CORE GROUP CONCENTRATE ON A SINGLE DRAFT CONTINGENCY RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE

AMENDED AS NEEDED.

6. COSTA RICA SAID IT WAS MOST SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. INITIATIVE AND U.S. EMPHASIS ON NON-CONFRONTATIONAL STEPS. REGARDING PRIORITY, COSTA RICA CONSIDERED IT PREMATURE TO TAKE STEPS TO GAIN PRIORITY.

7. U.S. SAID IT WOULD KEEP CORE GROUP INFORMED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH POLITICAL INITIATIVE. U.S. SAID THAT OPTION OF SEEKING PRIORITY NOT RESTRICTED BY TAKING A POLITICAL INITIATIVE. BUT THE INITIATIVE COULD NARROW SOMEWHAT RANGE OF FACTORS WHICH MIGHT DECIDE THAT THE BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO SEEK PRIORITY. U.S. ADDED THAT WE DID NOT SEE THE POLITICAL INITIATIVE AS A FORM OF ULTIMATUM WHICH, IF NOT RESPONDED TO BY A CERTAIN SET DATE, WOULD NECESSARILY SET IN MOTION A MOVE BY OUR SIDE FOR PRIORITY. THE BROAD UNGA TIME-FRAME MIGHT HELP DISCOURAGE CONFRONTATION.

8. NEW ZEALAND ASKED IF LETTERS WERE FORESEEN AS A MEANS OF EXTENDING THE INVITATION POSSIBLY BEFORE PUBLIC INITIATIVE TO PARTIES CONCERNED.

9. ROK SAID IT WOULD NOT WANT A U.S. LETTER TO NORTH KOREA.

10. CANADA ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM "AS A MATTER OF COURTESY" WOULD BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE SINCE THE PROPOSAL MIGHT MENTION UNGA. THE VIEW WAS GENERAL IN THE CORE GROUP THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY SINCE THE PROPOSAL DID NOT SEEM TO SUGGEST A PRELIMINARY MEETING WITHIN THE U.N. FRAMEWORK. COMMENT WAS MADE THAT THE PERIOD OF THE UNGA HAD OFTEN BEEN USED FOR DISCUSSIONS OUTSIDE THE U.N. FRAMEWORK BECAUSE IT WAS A CONVENIENT TIME WHEN MANY SENIOR CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICIALS WERE IN NEW YORK.

11. THERE APPEARED A READINESS ON THE PART OF CORE GROUP MEMBERS TO RECOMMEND PARTICIPATION IN FURTHER LOBBYING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE POLITICAL INITIATIVE. THE U.K. JOSHED THAT IT WONDERED IF THERE WOULD BE ANYTHING LEFT FOR OTHERS TO DO GIVEN THE INTENSIVE U.S. EFFORTS. WE ASSURED U.K. THAT THERE WOULD BE PLENTY TO DO.

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12. REFINED TEXT FOR CONTINGENCY FRIENDLY ITEM AND EXPLANATORY  
MEMORANDUM AS AGREED BY CORE GROUP AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS  
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ENDEAVORED  
FOR OVER A QUARTER OF CENTURY TO PROMOTE THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFIED, INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC  
GOVERNMENT IN KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND  
PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. NONE-  
THELESS, KOREA REMAINS DIVIDED AND TENSION UNMITIGATED.  
THE SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION ESSENTIALLY DEPENDS UPON  
CONCILIATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH  
OF KOREA AND UPON CONTINUED EFFORTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
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OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA.

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS CONSENSUS STATEMENT ADOPTED IN 1973 EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION OVER THE JOIN COMMUNIQUE OF 4 JULY 1972 BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA AND URGED THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE AND TO WIDEN MANYSIDED EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SAID COMMUNIQUE. THE SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1974 AND 1975 FURTHER URGED THAT THE QUESTIONS AFFECTING PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREA AND THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA BE SETTLED BY THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND BY NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

3. THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE, HOWEEVER, REMAINS SUSPENDED. EFFORTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW ARRANGEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED DESIGNED TO REPLACE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND DISSOLVE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, REDUCE TENSIONS AND ENSURE LASTING PEACE IN KOREA HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS. ((ASTERISK) SOMETHING TO BE INSERTED HERE AT LATER DATE ON U.S. POLITICAL INITIATIVE.)

4. WE BELIEVE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD AGAIN ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUATION OF DIALOGUE. THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD URGE ALL CONCERNED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS AND THE NEGOTIATION OF DURABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF REUNIFICATION.

5. FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS LETTER REQUEST INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE 31ST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AN ITEM ENTITLED "NEED FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM AND THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA."

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 20 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A DRAFT RESOLUTION IS ATTACHED.  
UNQUOTE

13. THE CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING HE WOULD TAKE UP THE DISPATCH OF ROK LOBBYING MISSIONS. (REF (F) (NOTAL) AS WELL AS CORE GRUP  
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COORDINATION OF LOBBYING EFFORTS. (IN THIS CONNECTION, CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN CORE GROUP REGARDING IDENTITY OF RECIPIENTS OF U.S. SPECIAL LETTERS AND U.S. AIDE MEMOIRES (PARA 2 ABOVE).) FURTHERMORE, HE WOULD RAISE COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING WAS LEFT OPEN.  
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